

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 28, and ending at page 10, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

As mentioned above, bandage 10 further includes a sealing layer or film 50 that is placed over cover 22 and around tube 41, as shown in Fig. 2. Film 50 acts as an outer cover of the bandage 10 and covers the entire wound 12 by extending over wound 12 and attaching to the patient's healthy skin 52, also as shown in Fig. 2. Preferably, film 50 is an occlusive or semi-occlusive material which allows water vapor to permeate through. Because of this characteristic, the film 50 is referred to as Moisture Vapor Transmission Rate film or MVTR film. The products ~~TEGADERM®~~ TEGADERM brand sealing film made by 3M Corporation, and OPSITE ~~FLEXIGRID®~~ FLEXIGRID semi-permeable dressing made by Smith & Nephew can be used for film 50, for example. Film 50 is approximately 0.003 inch (0.076 mm) thick. However, it is within the scope of this disclosure to include any occlusive or semi-occlusive film 50 having another thickness. Film 50 is provided to create a sealed environment below the film 50 and around the wound 12 in which a vacuum or negative pressure can be maintained as provided by vacuum source 14. Film 50 therefore creates a vacuum space 53 below film 50 and above wound surface 13.